

10743 668

PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OAS 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

Application Number

Filing Date

December 22, 2003

First Named Inventor

John Crombie et al.

Group Art Unit

Examiner Name

Attorney Docket Number

ETH 5116

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document mm-dd-yyyy	Pages, Columns, Lines, where relevant passages or relevant figures appear
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)			
GD		1,830,014		Brady	03-28-1931	
		2,075,508		Davidson	03-30-1937	
		2,458,252		Chatterton	01-04-1949	
		3,409,014		Shannon	11-05-68	
		3,910,281		Kletschka et al.	10-07-1975	
		4,839,820		Babcock	07-10-1990	
		5,474,572		Hayhurst	12-12-1995	
		5,845,553		Kolesa et al.	07-08-1997	
		6,056,160		Colvin et al.	05-23-2000	
		6,106,545		Egan	08-22-2000	
		6,165,204		Levinson et al.	12-26-2000	
GD		6,432,123	B2	Schwartz et al.	08-13-2002	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document mm-dd-yyyy	Pages, Columns, Lines, where relevant passages or relevant figures appear	T ³
		Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵				
GD		WO	99/82406	A3	Coalescent Surgical, Inc.	12-09-1999		

Examiner Signature	/Glenn Dawson/ (08/08/2006)	Date Considered	
-----------------------	-----------------------------	--------------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS, SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450